

# MURRAY PARK SCHOOL



## APPLICANT INFORMATION PACK

### TEACHER OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (11AM)  
INTERVIEW DATE: FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
START DATE: SEPT 2021

*Murray Park School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and appointment to this post is subject to a criminal record and background check and references*



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# OUR HEAD TEACHER



MRS N. CALEY

I am delighted to introduce you to our wonderful school. Since my arrival in 2018, I have sought to create a thriving working environment which enables our wonderful students to succeed in all aspects of life at Murray Park and beyond.

We pride ourselves on giving teachers the conditions in which to teach without distraction and ensure that all staff are supported quickly with any concerns both in and outside the classroom.

We are fully committed to offering a top-class education - on-line or in school - which keeps abreast of national and international trends. We welcome applications from high-quality candidates who are looking to make a real difference to our students' lives.

We support all new staff with a supportive induction package. NQTs follow the Derby City new teacher programme as well as our in-house training. We endeavour to ensure your skills are developed so you can perform at your optimum.

Please take your time to consider the information in this pack and do not hesitate to make contact with us should you require any further information.



“As a new member of the Murray Park team I was warmly welcomed by the entire school community, students, colleagues and parents alike. We really are proud to be here”. (Mr Hagen - AHT KS3 Achievement)



# AMBITION STATEMENT

At Murray Park School, our curriculum vision is to provide an ambitious and inspirational education for all of our pupils. Our strong set of values: Perseverance; Respect; Independence; Dreams and Excellence (PRIDE) underpins our ethos. Through our curriculum, our pupils develop the confidence to embrace the responsibilities that life has to offer and to become valued members of the local community, both now and in the future.



In all lessons the pupils are challenged and engaged in an education that prepares them for their futures. Our curriculum enables all of our pupils to develop life skills, such as, creativity, empathy and collaboration, resulting in resilient individuals with high aspirations.

Our health and wellbeing provision ensures that our pupils lead healthy and fulfilling lives and that every pupil has the knowledge and confidence to take care of their own health and wellbeing.

As a result of our outstanding careers programme, all of our pupils are prepared for the next stage of their education, training and employment through our extensive network of business partners and dedicated careers' centre. Our wide range of extra-curricular activities include residential opportunities and international travel. These opportunities enrich the formal curriculum and deepen the pupils' knowledge and skills.



Every child at Murray Park School is equipped to become a well-qualified and successful young person.

*“ The supportive atmosphere created by amazing, dedicated colleagues and students that genuinely appreciate what you do for them , gives me a reason to smile every day.” (Miss Dodd - Head of Mathematics)*



# SCHOOL INFORMATION

Murray Park is a dynamic and forward-looking 11-16 mixed comprehensive school on the western fringes of the city of Derby. It is a Foundation Status school, but has a close working relationship with the local authority.

We cater for approximately 1030 students, situated on a spacious site surrounded by greenery. We serve students from the Derby City area, within reach of the Derbyshire countryside and our cohort sizes are growing each year.

Our students reflect the full academic ability range and there is a huge breadth to the socio-economic status of our families.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Informal visits to the school are available but not essential. You must complete the application form fully and give details of all employment, training and gaps in employment since leaving secondary school to the present day. Any additional information, which you wish to bring to the notice of the selection panel should be included in your letter of application.

Your letter of application should make reference to the job description and in particular how you meet the person specification. At least one of your references should be a current employer and you should indicate if you are happy for us to contact each reference. Please provide an email address for your referees so that we can contact them.

*Please email your completed application form and letter of application to [recruitment@murraypark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@murraypark.derby.sch.uk) or upload using the TES platform. The application letter should be no longer than 2 sides of A4, Arial font size 11.*

*“The School has continuously supported me with my career development. If you wish to challenge yourself to develop as a leader then Murray Park School is the place for you.” (Mr Gregory - AHT KS4 Achievement)*



# STAFF WELL-BEING

Murray Park considers the well-being of staff to be important. Decisions in terms of staff support make well-being a priority. Anything that can be done to support staff in their role will be considered. In recent years we have raised the profile of staff well-being by establishing the following initiatives to ensure that our staff are happy in their workplace.

- Opportunity to work from home where possible.
- Latest laptops issued to all staff.
- Live marking policy.
- Designated, trained mental health leader.
- Staff social events.
- Staff sports events.
- Meal allowance for lunch duty staff.
- Meeting free weeks throughout the year.
- Bespoke CPD opportunities.
- Opportunity for all staff to complete mental health awareness course.
- Duty timetable to reflect teacher workload.
- Robust behaviour system to support staff.
- Alternative provision

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

My aim as Head of Engineering and Design is to ensure students gain a wide range of technical, creative and practical skills/knowledge, allowing them to become confident and informed designers with a passion for producing innovative, high quality products.

We are a highly experienced, dedicated team of subject specialists and skilled support staff that share an excellent working ethos whilst supporting each other personally. We collaborate effectively to ensure that we provide an exciting design and technology experience for Murray Park students, and enjoy a friendly working relationship.

As a subject with natural partitions between its teaching areas, the Engineering and Design team enjoy the ownership of individual subject areas, making best use of each teachers personal strengths, whilst working together to provide high quality teaching and learning in line with the schools high standards.

Mr Stephen Cannell, Head of Engineering and Design.  
[stephen.cannell@murraypark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:stephen.cannell@murraypark.derby.sch.uk)

“Since starting at Murray Park there has been no time for nerves, just excitement. I am delighted to continue my journey here, whilst inspiring others on my way” (Miss Bunting - NQT Science)



# DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Engineering and Design department at Murray Park consists of 3 full time and one part time teacher, delivering Food Technology, Engineering, Design Technology lessons on rotational basis at KS3, and as options subjects at KS4. Design and Technology subjects are continually popular with our students and we are very proud of the outcomes we support our students in achieving. Our staff boast a wealth of specific skills and experience, which we use to enthuse our students and develop inspirational schemes of work.



The department is very well resourced, with two practical workshops featuring a wide range of tools and machinery as well as specialist engineering equipment including multiple centre lathes and milling machine, and two recently refurbished food technology rooms equipped with new ovens and hobs. In addition to this we have a hot work room featuring welding and casting equipment, a dedicated CAD/CAM suite complete with 3D printer and laser cutter and an additional seated classroom for

the delivery of theory or design based lessons.

Students have access to a host of extra-curricular provisions run through the Engineering and Design department such as after school clubs and competitions run by staff, and also working with our dedicated ACE (Aspirations, Careers and Employability) team to engage in national initiatives working with locally based blue chip companies.



Our Key Stage Three provision aims to give students a balanced insight into the 'Big Picture' of design practice through working with a range of materials and design contexts, ensuring engaging creative and practical tasks are blended supportively with challenging technical knowhow to ensure students make excellent progress throughout. Moving into Key Stage Four we offer a variety of courses to suit student's interest and aspirations, following both GCSE and vocational courses. At all stages we tailor our teaching to ensure students continue to develop transferrable skills.

“ Murray Park School is a great place to work. If you are passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people, this is the place to be”  
(Mr Holland - PE)



# JOB ADVERT

## Teacher of Design and Technology Full-Time/Permanent:

**Salary:** Main Pay Scale/UPS

**Responsible to:** The Head of Engineering and Design

**Framework:** To work within the framework of teachers' pay and conditions, current legislation and the policies of the school.

Murray Park School is seeking to appoint a teacher of Engineering/Design and Technology to join our thriving department. The successful candidate would be joining a dedicated and highly skilled team with a depth of both subject knowledge and teaching and learning expertise. The individual we are looking to appoint will be committed and energetic, with the creative skills to provide high quality learning experiences that are engaging and accessible yet serve to challenge our students to excel. Applications are welcomed from specialists in both Food Technology and/or Engineering/Design Technology who can boast strong teaching skills, robust subject knowledge and a keen interest in the continually evolving technological world.

Applicants specialising in Food Technology should note that, due to current staffing structures, there will be an expectation to undertake some teaching in other areas of the Engineering and Design Curriculum which can be discussed with the successful candidate.

The post is suitable for teachers at all stages of their career and the school is fully committed to supporting staff with CPD, including NQT programmes. The person appointed will have:

- A passion for pupil progress.
- High standards and expectations.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills.
- A commitment to team work.
- A commitment to extra-curricular learning.
- A positive outlook.

### **How to Apply**

An application pack can be downloaded from the school website at <http://murraypark.derby.sch.uk/home/vacancies> or apply via TES Online.

Interviews are likely to be on site with key worker students.



# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## Duties as a Classroom Teacher:

- Teaching in an agreed curriculum area
- Planning structured lessons that meet the needs of individual students
- Sharing plans and teaching resources with colleagues
- Maintaining records, marking and assessment of pupils' work according to school and departmental policies, external examination and national curriculum requirements
- Reporting on pupils as required by the school policy and national curriculum requirements
- Using school procedures to maintain your teaching area/s to a standard that motivates pupils and meets health and safety requirements
- Following safe working practices in all your teaching and duty situations
- Supporting the tutorial system as required.

## Key Tasks:

- To be responsible to the Head of Engineering & Design for teaching duties.
- To work in accordance with the school's Curriculum Policy Statement and the aims and objectives of the Engineering & Design department.
- To teach Design & Technology/Engineering/Food Technology throughout Key Stage 3 and 4
- To liaise with other members of the department in the delivery of Design & Technology, undertaking a fair and equitable share of the work by helping to develop and prepare teaching materials for use within the department and cross-curricular themes as required.
- To enhance pupils Design and Technology/Engineering experience through extra-curricular activities.
- To maintain records, marking and assessment of pupils' work according to the departmental assessment policy, and Key Stage Four course requirements.
- To monitor progress of students and report to parents in line with school procedures for recording and reporting.
- To set and mark homework as indicated by the department and school homework timetable in accordance with the departmental homework policy.
- To contribute to the organisation of displays of work within the school, and in particular to be responsible for provision of a motivating learning environment in an identified area of the department.
- To attend departmental meetings, general school meetings and parents' meetings as appropriate.
- To be responsible for and follow adopted safe working practice in accordance with the latest Health and Safety regulations.
- To fulfil a role within the tutor system and actively support the work of Heads of Year
- To participate in relevant INSET to enhance teaching effectiveness.

The post-holder will be expected to carry out other tasks/duties as directed by the Headteacher that are commensurate with the responsibilities of a teacher.





# PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>		
Relevant Degree and Qualified Teacher Status	✓	
<b>Knowledge</b>		
Full working knowledge of the national curriculum for Design and Engineering at KS3	✓	
Knowledge and experience of teaching GCSE Food and/or Design and/or Engineering	✓	
Experience and knowledge of ICT opportunities in Design and Engineering.	✓	
<b>Skills and abilities</b>		
To motivate students	✓	
To work as part of a team	✓	
To use own initiative	✓	
The ability to work under pressure	✓	
The willingness to promote your own subject	✓	
Competence with a variety of Design and Engineering software		✓
Strong ICT skills for teaching and learning	✓	
The ability to strategically intervene when students are underperforming	✓	
<b>Personal Qualities</b>		
A positive outlook, well motivated, enthusiastic & energetic.	✓	
Commitment to improvement/staff development.	✓	
The desire to succeed.	✓	
Good attendance and punctuality record.	✓	
Commitment to supporting the full life of the school.	✓	
Professional appearance and manner.	✓	
Enhanced Criminal Record check. (School will apply for this on behalf of the successful candidate)	✓	





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